Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 24 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 25 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 23 Sep 2021 at 15:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing and southward extent of cloud breaks on Friday. High for mostly dry weather over the weekend, but low for low cloud detail. High for a return to showery weather next week.

Headline for Friday 24 Sep 2021: Cloud and patchy rain clearing south, windy. Brightest in the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 24 Sep 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	50%	20%	10%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 24 Sep 2021

Weather: Extensive low cloud and occasional rain in the morning steadily clearing from the northwest. Most ranges in the north of the area will become dry and bright by lunchtime, however around Skye and Glen Shiel overcast and damp conditions are likely to linger until mid-afternoon. Then apart from a fleeting light shower largely dry conditions with clear or sunny periods are expected for the rest of the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 600 metres, this only slowly clearing from the northwest as the morning progresses and expected to linger in the south until mid-afternoon. Then patchy cloud around 800 metres or above with very good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	44/55 SW	43/55 SW	37/48 SW	31/41 SW	29/39 W	27/36 W	22/29 W	18/25 SW	23/31 SW
900	40/51 SW	42/54 SW	36/47 SW	30/40 SW	28/38 W	26/35 W	21/28 W	18/25 SW	21/29 SW
600	29/39 SW	31/43 SW	27/37 SW	23/33 SW	22/31 W	20/29 W	15/22 W	13/20 SW	15/23 SW
300	8/37 SW	12/41 SW	11/38 SW	9/32 SW	9/31 W	8/28 W	5/22 W	4/18 SW	4/21 SW
Glen	13/29 SW	13/27 SW	13/27 SW	12/24 SW	15/28 W	14/25 W	8/17 W	6/14 SW	5/16 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/0	8/3	7/1	8/2	7/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1
900	7/1	9/4	8/2	8/3	8/3	7/2	6/2	6/2	7/2
600	9/5	11/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	9/6	8/5	9/6
300	11/9	13/11	12/10	11/10	12/11	12/11	11/10	10/10	11/10
Glen	13/11	15/13	14/12	14/11	15/12	15/12	14/12	13/12	13/12
Freezing Level*	3400m	2500m	2600m	2500m	2600m	2800m	2600m	2800m	3000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong, gusty westerly winds widely through the day hampering progress. Notable wind chill expected on the highest tops. Some uncertainty as to the timing of cloud clearance across Skye, there's a small chance the low cloud could linger until late afternoon, and in any case Skye will be last to clear up in this area.

Forecast for Saturday 25 Sep 2021

Weather: A warm front will bring outbreaks of rain and extensive low cloud across the area in the afternoon. Drier and brighter conditions developing in the afternoon with low cloud lifting and breaking on to the higher tops.

Maximum wind: Still windy on the tops with speeds of 30 to 40 mph from the southwest

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud in the morning down to 400 to 600 metres. This breaking to patches at 800 metres or above in the afternoon. Some uncertainty in how quickly conditions will improve.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 18 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 11 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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